



## South Coast Air Quality Management District

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#### SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

#### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 7, 1986  
**TO:** Landfill Unit  
**FROM:** Fred Lettice, Supervising A.Q. Engineer /s/ FL  
**SUBJECT:** Applicability of Rule 1150

Since Rule 1150 was adopted on October 15, 1982, a number of questions have been raised with respect to the applicability of the rule based on what constitutes a landfill. The purpose of this memo is to help clarify the situations that are applicable to Rule 1150.

Rule 1150(a)(1) defines a landfill as "a place, tract of land, area, or premises in use, or which has been used for the disposal of waste". While this definition may have been interpreted rather broadly at times, our policy in the future will be to adhere closely to the definition. Therefore, before Rule 1150 will apply to a situation, we need to determine that the contamination in question occurred through the disposal of a waste material.

In addition to excavations at a typical landfill being subject to this rule, excavations of contaminated soil at plants will be subject to this rule if the contamination occurred from the disposal of unwanted material at the site. For instance, if a company disposed of waste solvents at the back of their plant and they are now going to excavate the soil contaminated by the dumping of the waste solvent Rule 1150 is applicable. On the other hand, if a company removes an underground storage tank and finds soil contamination due to product leakage or spills and decides to excavate the contaminated soil Rule 1150 does not apply to the excavation. The key is to determine how the soil contamination occurred. Please implement these guidelines as you respond to inquiries regarding the applicability of Rule 1150. If further clarification is required for a particular site, please discuss it with me.

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